First Monday Report

Focus on Accreditation: Participatory Governance and Standard IV

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The Pierce College Council (PCC) and The College Planning Committee (CPC): What is the difference?

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The history of the California Community College system includes AB 1725, an approved piece of legislation which directed the California Community College Board of ; cj Yfbcfg hc XYj Y`cd fY[i `Uh]cbg k \]W fensure faculty, staff, and students (have) the opportunity to express their opinions at the campus level, and to ensure that these options are given very reasonable consideration, and the right to participate effectively in district and college governance, and the right of academic senates to assume primary responsibility for making recommendations in the areas of curriculum and academic standards¹ (70900.5).

In my short tenure at Pierce College it is quite evident to me that participatory governance is vital to the life of the institution. In its decision-making processes, collaboration and inclusion of all constituent groups are the foundation of h\Y'Wc``Y[YBy'g\UfYX'[cjYfbUbWrdfUWh]Wrg"

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making and planning. Participatory governance committees communicate ideas, concerns, and recommendations through dialogue and discussion between policy groups and back to PCC. All participatory governance committees report directly to PCC. It is the responsibility of the Pierce College Council to forward planning and decision-making recommendations to the college president for consideration. To ensure integrated planning, in its role as the overarching governance body, Pierce College Council instituted the College Planning Committee (CPC). The CPC is responsible for the development and Ja d'Ya YbhUhJcb'cZ'h\Y'Wt'Y[YBs overall planning efforts. H\Y'7D7'XYj Y'cdg'h\Y'Wt'Y[YBs strategic plan, updates and publishes all timelines for college planning, reviews all college plans Zcf'U'][ba Ybh'k Jh\'h\Y'Wt'Y[YBg'ghfUhY[]Wd'Ubž'UbX'dfcj]XYg'fY[i `Uf'fYdcfhg'hc'D77' on progress and planning developments. Through the process of participatory governance